

POSTGRADUATE YEAR ONE

# Pharmacy Residency Program

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Thank you for inquiring about the VA Long Beach Healthcare System Pharmacy Residency Program. We are pleased you are considering our program for an additional year of academic enrichment and perhaps your professional future. This booklet provides valuable information about our facility, teaching programs, preceptor faculty, clinical practice experiences and residency program.

We consider it a privilege to provide healthcare to the men and women who have dedicated their lives in service to our country. Their needs are great and we are dedicated to providing the best care possible. Pharmacy is a highly respected service within our health care organization and our pharmacists serve as key members of the health care team. The demand for clinical pharmacy services is ever increasing; new and expanded roles for clinical pharmacy providers are continually being developed.

Pharmacy residents are key members of our team providing patient-centered care and education to our patients, students and staff. We consider the training and practice environment we have for our pharmacy residents the best available anywhere. Our goal is to provide you with the opportunity to develop the skills and abilities necessary to become highly competent and confident advanced care practitioners.

Thank you for considering the VA Long Beach Healthcare System Pharmacy Resident Training Program. We wish you the best as you make this very important career decision. We look forward to meeting you and strongly encourage you will consider our program.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ascari'.

Michael Ascari, Pharm.D., MS  
Chief, Pharmacy and Clinical Support Services

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## The Training Site

**V**A Long Beach Healthcare System (VALBHS) is a tertiary care facility and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The VALBHS hospital program was recently recognized as a **Top Performer on Key Quality Measures**, a distinction awarded to the top performers of Joint Commission accredited hospitals. VALBHS is one of the most diversified tertiary health care providers in the VA. It is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the-art technology as well as education and research. The medical center is a 421-bed progressive teaching facility affiliated with UCI School of Medicine and UOP, USC, UCSF, Western, Drake, and Massachusetts Schools of Pharmacy. It encompasses Medical, Surgical, Spinal Cord Injury, Blind Rehabilitation Center, and Psychiatry Services, as well as Long-Term Care and Home Based Primary Care. The immense Ambulatory Care Program consists of Primary Care and numerous specialty Medical and Surgical Clinics. The pharmacy department is staffed by greater than 80 employees and provides complete clinical pharmacy services 24 hours daily, seven (7) days a week. VALBHS Pharmacy Service is committed to honoring our Veterans and providing exceptional health care. To that end, we are continually evaluating services and processes to enhance the patient experience, improve patient safety, and positively impact patient outcomes. Automation and technology is integrated into all aspects of the medication-use system such as patient-profiled automated medication storage and distribution devices (Omniceil® AMSDD), automated prescription filling (ScriptPro®) and Bar Code Medication Administration (BCMA) to enhance medication safety, reduce dispensing and administration errors, and allow pharmacists time to participate in direct patient care and cognitive services.

## Geographical Information

VA Long Beach Healthcare System is centrally located within the heart of sunny Southern California, in between Los Angeles and Orange County. There is much to experience in the local area including the Aquarium of the Pacific, Belmont Shore, Disneyland, Disney's California Adventure, and many more attractions. The City of Long Beach is well-known for easy access to miles of sandy beaches, fine dining, and exciting nightlife.

## Purpose

The Pharmacy Residency at VALBHS is a postgraduate training program designed to develop pharmacists in the knowledge, attitude, and skills necessary to assume an advanced practice position upon graduation in areas including ambulatory care, acute care and managed care. The residency is a 12-month period of training in a diversity of direct patient care environments and pharmacy operations. Using experiential training and working as members of health care teams,

the pharmacy resident will be accountable for achieving optimal drug therapy outcomes. The resident will exercise skill in educating patients, caregivers, and other health care professionals including pharmacy students on drug-related topics through lectures and written materials. The resident will develop skills to manage change and patient-provider conflicts, prevent medication errors, conduct practice-based research, and provide high quality medication management. The goals of the program are to explore practice interests, to develop areas of strengths, to improve upon weaknesses, and to foster leadership skills, ultimately enabling the pharmacist to provide a high-level of patient care.

## Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the pharmacy resident will achieve the following outcomes as determined by the ASHP Accreditation Standard for PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Programs:

- Manage and improve the medication-use process
- Provide evidence-based, patient centered medication therapy management with interdisciplinary teams
- Exercise leadership and practice management skills
- Demonstrate project management skills
- Provide medication and practice-related education/training

## The Residency Program Director and Preceptors

The residency program director is appointed by the Pharmacy Chief to oversee the residency program. The residency program director has demonstrated sustained contributions and commitment to pharmacy practice as shown by numerous publications and presentations, extensive teaching experience and experience directing a residency program in clinical pharmacy practice, and program development. Most assigned preceptors have extensive experience in their respective areas, have completed an ASHP-Accredited Residency, are Board Certified Specialists, and hold faculty positions with various pharmacy school affiliations.

## Clinical Pharmacy Specialists

Clinical pharmacy specialists have scopes of practice, which include prescribing authority, laboratory ordering, and writing of chart notes.

Inpatient services include the following:

- Initial patient interview and documented pharmacotherapy assessment
- Daily evaluation and monitoring of patient medication regimens
- Participation in teaching rounds
- Provision of drug information
- Responding to pharmacotherapy consultations
- Admission and discharge medication reconciliation
- Pharmacokinetic dosing

*"I'm honored to have been a VALB resident. I routinely use the clinical skills gained there, and I'll always remember the wonderful friendships."*

**— Stephen Jung, Formulary Development, OptumRx**

*"Experiences at VALB  
not only transformed  
me into a well-balanced  
clinician, but also  
shaped me into a  
better person"*

— **Jeffery Fu, Clinical  
Pharmacist, UCLA**

- Parenteral nutrition per pharmacy
- Anticoagulation management
- Medication error prevention and reporting
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Influenza and pneumococcal vaccine ordering per protocol
- Adverse drug reaction detection and reporting (VA ADERS)
- Participation in Cardiac and Respiratory Arrests (Code Blue)

Ambulatory care practice settings include the following:

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| ▪ Anticoagulation Management Clinic | ▪ Pharmacy Injection Clinic                            |
| ▪ Anemia Management Clinic          | ▪ Tobacco Cessation Program                            |
| ▪ Diabetes Management Clinic        | ▪ Hepatitis C  |
| ▪ Outpatient Pharmacy               | ▪ Mental Health Clinic                                 |
| ▪ Pulmonary Management Clinic       | ▪ Hemodialysis Center                                  |
| ▪ Oncology Clinic                   | ▪ Spinal Cord Injury Pharmacotherapy Clinic            |
| ▪ Cholesterol Clinic                | ▪ Women's Health Clinic                                |
| ▪ HIV Clinic                        | ▪ Cardiology Clinic                                    |
| ▪ PACT Clinic                       | ▪ Blind Rehabilitation Pre-Admission E-Consult Service |
| ▪ Anticoagulation Telecare Clinic   |  |

## Residency Training Program and Pharmacy Service

The training and education of residents are important components of the VALBHS Pharmacy Service. The services provided by the resident will complement existing clinical pharmaceutical care. The resident will be directly involved in and have responsibility for providing patient oriented pharmaceutical services. The resident will actively participate in other pharmacy operations including management and assigned projects. The resident will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent, clinical practitioner through training in the following areas of pharmacy practice.

### Required Rotations (6-week rotation blocks)

Acute Care Internal Medicine

Medical Intensive Care Unit

Patient Aligned Care Team (Primary Care) Pharmacy

Smoking Cessation Clinic

Ambulatory Care I

Hepatitis C Clinic

Diabetes Clinic

Pulmonary Clinic

Anemia Management Clinic

Outpatient Pharmacy Operations

Smoking Cessation Clinic

Anticoagulation

Formulary Management/Drug Information

*"The training I have obtained at the Long Beach VA is irreplaceable. All of the preceptors, co-residents, and staff members have helped shape me into the pharmacist that I am today."*

— Logan Saito,  
Pharmacy Clinical  
Operations Manager,  
Kaiser Permanente

### Longitudinal Rotations (year-round as assigned)

Cholesterol Clinic

Practice Management

Weekend Inpatient Staffing (every 4th weekend)

### Elective Rotations (6-week rotation blocks)

Pharmacy Administration

Pharmacy Operations

Infectious Diseases (includes HIV clinic)

Long Term Care

Nephrology/Hemodialysis

Spinal Cord Injury

Oncology

Psychiatry

Medication Safety

Surgical Care Unit (Parenteral Nutrition)

Ambulatory Care II

Injection Clinic

Hepatitis Clinic

Diabetes Clinic

Women's Health Clinic

Target Specific Oral Anticoagulants

Repeat of any required rotations

Other, self-directed

### Sample Pharmacy Resident Rotation Schedule

	BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3	BLOCK 4	DEC
Resident 1	PACT¶	Coumadin♦	Formulary Mgt.♦	Elective: Pharm Admin.	2-Week Transition
Resident 2	Elective: Psych	Elective: Oncology	Am Care	PACT¶	
Resident 3	Acute Care Ω	MICU	Elective: ID	Formulary Mgt.♦	
Longitudinal Rotations					
♦Cholesterol clinic: every Tuesday afternoon (excused from clinic)					
¶ Friday Afternoon AmCare Didactic Sessions w/ students					
Ω Thurs Afternoon Medicine Didactics Sessions w/ students					
Smoking cessation: Tuesday morning during PACT rotation if in session					
Inpatient staffing: every 4th weekend- schedule to be determined					
Intro to Practice Management: (refer to practice management schedule)					

In addition, several ongoing activities throughout the year require resident participation and contribute to resident development. These include:

- Research project
  - Background preparation, protocol, design, IRB, data collection and analysis
  - Presentation of research findings at Regional Conference(s)



- Poster presentation at a professional meeting
- Manuscript submission to a professional journal
- Journal Club – participation and/or presentation twice monthly
- Adverse Drug Reaction reporting and pharmacist consultations
- Assigned management projects (i.e. MUE, policy development, drug recalls)
- Ambulatory Care and Medicine Didactic Sessions – Weekly teaching sessions to advanced clerkship students
- Student preceptorship and training
- Criteria for use, newsletters, bulletins
- Continuing education
- Code Blue Team

## The Resident Will:

- Develop clinical experience as applied in the different program settings.
- Acquire basic skills needed for drug therapy monitoring including patient assessment, history, and laboratory data review.
- Further develop drug therapy assessment skills through direct patient contact, monitoring of drug therapy, and patient education and counseling.
- Enhance communicative skills through involvement in training of pharmacy, medical, and nursing personnel.
- Participate in the development and implementation of a research project.
- Participate in educational activities such as teaching skills classes, BLS and ACLS certification, and EKG interpretation.
- In addition, it is expected that graduate residents would qualify for the Pharmacotherapy Specialty Exam (Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist).

## Benefits

- Salary: \$45,778
- Per-diem opportunities
- Health/ Life Insurance
- Authorized Absence and financial support to attend the following professional meetings:
  - ASHP Midyear
  - CSHP Annual Seminar
  - Western States Conference
  - VISN 22 Resident Conference
- Thirteen (13) days annual leave accrued
- 4 hours every two weeks
- Thirteen (13) days sick leave accrued
- 4 hours every two weeks
- Ten (10) paid holidays
- Centralized office work space with access to a personal computer and desk
- Uniform allotment and laundry service
- Free Parking

*"Residency was a wonderful experience in life, learning, and friendship."*

**— Lorraine Sam,  
Ambulatory Care Clinical  
Pharmacist, VALB**

## Licensure

The pharmacy resident is required to obtain a pharmacist license in one of the States of the United States. The pharmacy resident will be licensed upon entry into the program or at the earliest possible date. The applicant is highly encouraged to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the California or Multistate Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE or MPJE) prior to entering the residency program (July 1st) and must be licensed in any state by October 1st.

## Applicant Qualifications

- Possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from an accredited school or college of pharmacy
- Eligible for licensure to practice pharmacy in any state
- United States citizenship with proof of naturalization if naturalized
- Participation in the ASHP Residency Matching Program
- Completed a professional curriculum which includes significant clinical clerkship experience

## Application Procedure

- Online submission to the program thru PhORCAS™ (Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application)
  - Basic Demographics
  - School of pharmacy transcript
  - Personal statement/letter of intent specifically addressing why you desire to do a residency with the VALB
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Three (3) letters of recommendation (standardized reference template in PhORCAS™ **AND** written reference letter). The written letter must address the following abilities of the candidate: critical thinking/problem solving skills and clinical aptitude.
  - Extracurricular information
  - Supplemental information: VA Application for Health Professions Trainees (Form # 10-2850D) found at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the written application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. Seven to eight positions are available beginning July 1st.

Open house will be offered to interested applicants during the month of December. Please inquire should you desire more information.

*"I'm extremely grateful for the excellent clinical training and lasting friendships I've gained from my year at VALB; this well rounded program amply prepares its residents to practice in any setting!"*

— Lily Vu,  
Clinical Pharmacist  
SCAN Health Plan



All required application materials for the 2014-2015 residency program must be **SUBMITTED ONLINE** through PhORCAS™. Application deadline for our program can be found on the ASHP website under Residency Directory. Questions about the program and application process may be directed to:

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*"At VA Long Beach, the team based approach to patient care and the staff, residents, and students make every day a great and rewarding experience."*

**— Anthony Dang,  
Inpatient Clinical  
Pharmacist, VALB**

## Pharmacy Preceptors



**Dr. Patricia Chun** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Dr. Chun most recently held the position of Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Critical Care. Currently, she is the Pharmacy Residency Program Director and Inpatient Clinical Supervisor. She has been instrumental in developing clinical programs for pharmacy students such as the VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR). Dr. Chun is currently board certified in Pharmacotherapy and was certified in Nutrition Support from 2005-2012. She holds academic appointments with UOP and Western School of Pharmacy. She is an active member of CSHP and ASHP and currently holds a position on the Board of Directors for Western States Conference. Her areas of interest include critical care medicine, cardiology, nutrition support, and student/resident development.



**Dr. Rick Cavallaro** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, he first worked as an inpatient staff pharmacist. Subsequently, he was promoted to the position of Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Cardiology. Dr. Cavallaro's current position is Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Anticoagulation and he currently directs the Medical Center's anticoagulation clinic. His research focus is anticoagulation management. Dr. Cavallaro maintained a Board Certification as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist from 1992-1999. He currently holds academic appointments with USC and UOP Schools of Pharmacy.



**Dr. Macy Ho** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. She completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Currently she is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases, HIV, and Hepatitis C. Her research focus is HIV/Infectious Diseases. She is a member of ASHP, CSHP and IDSA. Dr. Ho maintained a Board Certification as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist from 1992-1999. She currently holds an academic appointment with UOP School of Pharmacy.



**Dr. Bonnie Wong** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she first worked as an inpatient staff pharmacist and specialized in Nursing Home. Dr. Wong is currently the Program Manager for Geriatrics. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist. Dr. Wong holds academic appointments with USC and UOP Schools of Pharmacy. Areas of focus include consultation to nursing homes, Home-Based Primary Care Program, and Geriatric Specialty Ambulatory Care Practice.



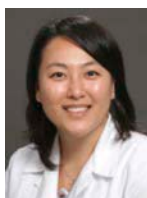
**Dr. Elaine Lei** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California at San Francisco School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Ambulatory Care at the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Dr. Lei is currently a PACT Pharmacist and a Certified Diabetes Educator. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Dr. Lei holds an academic appointment with UOP, USC, and UCSF Schools of Pharmacy. Areas of focus include diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and anticoagulation.



**Dr. Susan Sung** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California at San Francisco. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice with an emphasis in Primary Care at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Dr. Sung is currently a PACT Pharmacist and is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Dr. Sung is a member of CSHP and ASHP. She holds academic appointments with UCSF, USC and UOP Schools of Pharmacy. Area of focus includes anticoagulation, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and hypertension management.



**Dr. Yong Moon** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. She then served as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Washington State University specializing in Ambulatory Care. Currently, Dr. Moon is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Pacific and is the Regional Coordinator for the Long Beach area. Her clinical practice and research site is at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Her research interests are dyslipidemia, ambulatory care practice, and patient outcomes.



**Dr. Suna Y. Chung** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. She completed a residency program in Clinical Pharmacy Practice with an emphasis in Primary Care at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Upon completion of the residency program, she worked as a clinical pharmacist at an acute care medical center. Dr. Chung is currently a PACT Pharmacist. Dr. Chung is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. She holds an academic appointment with UOP School of Pharmacy. Areas of focus include diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and anticoagulation.



**Dr. Ivy Tonnu-Mihara** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Geriatrics Pharmacy Practice at the USC School of Pharmacy. She also received her M.S. in Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy at the University of Southern California. Dr. Tonnu-Mihara is currently the Outpatient Clinical Supervisor for the Ambulatory Care Clinics and the clinical pharmacist in the

Anemia Management and Hepatitis C Liver Specialty Clinics. Dr. Tonnu-Mihara is an active member of AMCP and the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research. Her areas of interest include pharmacoeconomics and outcomes studies and geriatrics pharmaceutical care. Dr. Tonnu-Mihara holds academic appointments with UOP, UCSF, and Western Schools of Pharmacy.



**Dr. Mary-Joy Arcellana** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California at San Francisco School of Pharmacy. She completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Upon completion of the residency program, she worked as a clinical pharmacist in pediatrics and neonatal intensive care unit at an acute care hospital. Dr. Arcellana is currently a clinical pharmacy specialist in medicine and holds a board certification in Pharmacotherapy. Dr. Arcellana holds an academic appointment with UOP School of Pharmacy.



**Dr. Rebecca Chumbley** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. She completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Upon completion of the residency program, she accepted a position at the Long Beach VA Medical Center where she currently works as the Program Manager for Spinal Cord Injury/Disorders. Dr. Chumbley is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and holds an academic appointment with UOP School of Pharmacy. She is also an active member of CSHP, having served as the 2010 president for the South Bay-Long Beach Chapter of CSHP and continues to serve on the board of directors for the chapter.



**Dr. Jennifer Lee** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. Dr. Lee is currently the Program Manager for Critical Care/Emergency Services. Practice interests include pharmacokinetics, critical care medicine, and cardiology. Dr. Lee is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and holds academic appointments with UOP and USC Schools of Pharmacy.



**Dr. Mabel Dea** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Following graduation she completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Upon completion of the residency program, she accepted a hybrid clinical pharmacy position and implemented the Pharmacist Pulmonary Management Clinic and the Pharmacy Women's Health Care Clinic. Dr. Dea is the Medication Safety Officer for the facility. She is a member of ASHP and CSHP. Dr. Dea also holds an academic appointment with the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy.



**Dr. Ruby Chang** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California at San Francisco School of Pharmacy. She completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. As a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in ICU and Ambulatory Care at several different VAs, she had the opportunity to establish the pharmacy resident rotations in Critical Care at Long Beach VA and in Cardiology at the Bronx VA in New York. Currently, she is the Anticoagulation Therapy Program Coordinator in which she directs

telecare services, manages the use of the novel anticoagulants, and evaluates the quality assurance for the anticoagulation clinic program. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Her areas of interests include cardiology, critical care medicine, and automated data package application coordinator.



**Dr. Ni-Chi Wu** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California at San Diego School of Pharmacy. She completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the Baltimore VA Medical Center, and then pursued her interest in oncology by completing an ASHP Oncology Traineeship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. She worked as a clinical pharmacy specialist in internal medicine and oncology at the Baltimore VA Medical Center before accepting a position as the oncology pharmacist at Long Beach VA Medical Center. Dr. Wu is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.



**Dr. Thu Nguyen** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin School of Pharmacy. She completed a residency in Primary Care Pharmacy Practice at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Following residency, she worked as an outpatient clinical pharmacist at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System for 7 years prior to coming to the VA Long Beach. Dr. Nguyen is a Certified Diabetes Educator, and currently works in primary care as a PACT Pharmacist. Areas of focus include diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and anticoagulation.



**Dr. Michelle Kendall** received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California and completed a 1 year residency in Psychiatric Pharmacy Practice at the Western Missouri Mental Health Center in Kansas City Missouri. Following her residency, she began an inpatient and outpatient practice at the VA Oklahoma City and served as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. After relocating back to Southern California, she worked as a outpatient clinical pharmacist at the VA West Los Angeles working in primary care and mental health for 10 years prior to coming to the VA Long Beach where she currently works as a PACT Pharmacist. Michelle is a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist and has been recognized nationally for her collaboration with nursing educators in providing lectures to nursing students and nurses preparing for specialty certification exams.



**Dr. Anthony Dang** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of The Pacific School of Pharmacy. He completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the Long Beach VA Healthcare System. Upon completion of the residency program, he worked as a clinical inpatient pharmacist at an acute care hospital. Dr. Dang is currently the Program Manager for Medicine/Surgery and holds a board certification in Pharmacotherapy. He currently works in various inpatient positions including ICU, medicine, oncology, psychiatry, nursing home, and spinal cord injury. His practice interests include pharmacokinetics and acute care medicine.



**Dr. Lisa Cao** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Long Beach HCS. Upon completion, Dr. Cao accepted a position as clinical pharmacist for the PACT Pharmacy Clinic. Dr. Lisa Cao is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist.





**Dr. Pablo Bernardson** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California, San Francisco. Following graduation, he completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Long Beach HCS. Upon completion of the residency program, Dr. Bernardson worked as a clinical pharmacist at an acute care hospital. Dr. Bernardson is currently working at VALB as a clinical pharmacist in areas such as critical care, acute care, and oncology.



**Dr. Tom Yih-Ming Chi** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California, San Francisco. Following graduation, he completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Long Beach HCS. Upon completion of the residency program, Dr. Chi accepted a position at the VALB as hybrid clinical pharmacist where he works in specialty clinics such as Anemia, Diabetes, Pulmonary, Pharmacy Injection Clinic, and Women's Health Clinic.



**Dr. Thao Nguyen** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Wyoming College of Pharmacy. Following graduation she first worked in retail pharmacy. She then practiced as a pharmacist in both inpatient and outpatient pharmacy at a public hospital in Australia. She returned to the States and accepted a hybrid clinical pharmacy position. She currently works as a Clinical Pharmacist in specialty clinics, including Anemia and Tobacco Cessation Clinics, and is involved in operational duties in Outpatient Pharmacy. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and is a member of ACCP.



**Dr. Noushin Aminjavahery** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Wingate University College of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Clinical Pharmacy Practice with focus on ambulatory care at the Salisbury VA Medical Center. During the residency, She initiated the Diabetes and Heart Failure Management Clinic at her site. She accepted a hybrid clinical pharmacy position at VALB where she works as a clinical pharmacist in specialty clinics, including Anemia, Diabetes and Smoking Cessation, and in the Outpatient Pharmacy. Her residency project was on chronic pain in non-cancer patients and she has interest in chronic pain. She is a member of ACCP.



**Dr. Rena Leong** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a Pharmacy Practice residency at the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System. Upon completion of the residency program, she worked as a clinical inpatient pharmacist at an acute care medical center. Dr. Leong currently works as a clinical pharmacist in the pharmacist-managed specialty clinics, including the Anemia, Diabetes, Women's Healthcare, and PACT GEM clinic. She is also involved in operational duties in the Outpatient Pharmacy.



**Dr. Matthew Lechtenberg** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, he worked as an inpatient clinical pharmacist at St. Francis Health Center. Subsequently he completed a PGY2 Managed Care Pharmacy Systems Residency with the VA Sierra Pacific Network (VISN 21). After his residency he became the first Pharmacoeconomic Specialist at the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System and was later promoted to Formulary Program Manager. While at VA Eastern Kansas, he was a member of several local and regional

committees including EKHCS P&T, VISN 15 P&T, VISN 15 Data Warehouse Developers, and EKHCS Utilization Management Committee and also served as the Acting VISN Pharmacy Executive for VISN 15. Dr. Lechtenberg is currently the Director of Pharmacy Benefits Management at VA Long Beach Healthcare System. He is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and his areas of interest include pharmacoeconomics and data management.





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